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EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA ADVISORY COMMISSION, WHICH IS PRESENTLY DUE TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 27, 1982

MARCH 15, 1982.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. UDALL, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

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[To accompany H.R. 5014]

[Including the cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 5014) to extend the life of the Gateway National Recreation Area Advisory Commission, which is presently due to expire October 27, 1982, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 5014[1] is to extend the life of the Gateway National Recreation Area Advisory Commission for an additional ten years.

BACKGROUND

The Gateway National Recreation Area Advisory Commission was established in the authorizing act (86 Stat. 1308, approved October 27, 1972) and is composed of 15 members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior for 2-year terms. The Commission is a valuable and ongoing source of advice and counsel in the management and development of the Gateway Area as the pilot national urban recreation area. Its members represent the largest cities in New York and New Jersey as well as smaller communities and their professional, business, ethnic, and civic interests and backgrounds provide a divergence of ideas, many of which have been and continue to be invaluable to the management of Gateway.

[1] H.R. 5014 was introduced by Representative Bingham on Nov. 18, 1981.

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Commission meetings are held at least six times a year at different locations within Metropolitan New York, including Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island, and Newark. They attract public participation from individuals and organized groups. Because participation from community spokesmen and individuals is welcome, these public forums have helped cement community relations with visitors and area residents.

The membership of the Commission is representative of the population of Metropolitan New York, thus providing insights in planning of programs and development of the park.

The Commission was originally authorized for a 10-year period and would be terminated October 27, 1982 under current law.

Legislative History and Recommendation

H.R. 5014 was introduced by Representative Bingham on November 18, 1981. The Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks held hearings and reported the bill to the full committee on February 2, 1982. Subsequently, the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs ordered the bill favorably reported by voice vote and recommended it to the House.

Section-by-Section Analysis

The bill amends the act of October 27, 1972 (86 Stat. 1308) to extend the life of the Gateway National Recreation Area Advisory Commission an additional 10 years.

Oversight Statement

The committee intends to carefully monitor the implementation of this legislation to assure compliance with the intent of the act, but no specific oversight hearings have otherwise been conducted. No recommendations were submitted to the committee pursuant to rule X, clause 2(b)(2).

Cost and Budget Act Compliance

The committee has determined that the costs incurred as a result of enactment of this bill will be minimal. The report of the Congressional Budget Office, which the committee adopts as its own, follows:

U.S. Congress,
Congressional Budget Office,
Washington, D.C., February 17, 1982.

Hon. Morris K. Udall,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman: Pursuant to Section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 5014, a bill to extend the life of the Gateway National Recreation Area Advisory Commission, which is presently due to expire October 27, 1982, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, February 10, 1972.

This bill would extend the life of the commission to October 1992. Based on information from the National Park Service, it is estimated that the cost to the federal government of this bill will be approximately $6,000 in fiscal year 1983, with small increases annually thereafter.

Should the committee so desire, we would be pleased to provide further details on this estimate.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND C. SCHEPPACH,
(For Alice M. Rivlin, Director).

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

The committee finds that enactment of this measure would have not inflationary impact on the national economy.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

A report on H.R. 5014 was requested from the Department of the Interior on January 15, 1982 and was received on February 1, 1982. The report follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., February 1, 1982.

Hon. MORRIS K. UDALL,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This responds to your request for the views of this Department on H.R. 5014, a bill to extend the life of the Gateway National Recreation Area Advisory Commission, which is presently due to expire October 27, 1982.

We have no objection to enactment of H.R. 5014.

H.R. 5014 would amend section 4(a) of the act to establish the Gateway National Recreation Area (86 Stat. 1308; 16 U.S.C. 460cc) to extend the life of the Gateway National Recreation Area Advisory Commission for 10 more years, to October 27, 1992. Under section 4(a), the Commission would terminate this year, "ten years after the date of the establishment" of the Recreation Area.

The Gateway National Recreation Area Advisory Commission has, for almost 10 years, provided valuable advice and counsel to the National Park Service in the development and management of the Gateway National Recreation Area. With a diverse membership presenting a broad range of perspective, the Commission has attracted signnificant public participation in its open forums, and has helped to build a good relationship between area visitors and area residents. In several instances, the Commission has enhanced the credibility of National Park Service positions on issues of concern to local residents.

In fiscal year 1981, the Commission's expenditures totaled $5,334. Fiscal year 1982 expenditures are expected to also be less than $6,000. The Commission incurs expenses for local travel, materials and books, recording and prints of minutes, and miscellaneous office and correspondence needs.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the administration's program.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM D. BETTERBERG,
Deputy Assistant Secretary.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with clause 3 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

ACT OF OCTOBER 27, 1972

(86 Stat. 1308)

SEC. 4. (a) There is hereby established a Gateway National Recreation Area Advisory Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"). Said Commission shall terminate [ten years] *twenty years* after the date of the establishment of the recreation area.

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